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BEGIN SUMMARY: DEPDIR FOR CYPRUS-GREECE AFFAIRS GUVENDIREN,
NOTING THAT INFORMATION FOR USG ONLY, BRIEFED EMBOFFS MAY 21
ON THE CAGLAYANGIL-BITSIOS TALKS AT ROME. HE ALSO DISCUSSED TWO
SUBSEQUENT "TROUBLESOME" EVENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. GUVENDIREN STATED THAT THE ROME TALKS WERE CONDUCTED IN A "FRANK
ATMOSPHERE" AND THAT THE FACT THAT IT WAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE
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DIALOGUE WITH TALKS BETWEEN THE PRIME AND FOREIGN MINISTERS AT

BRUSSELS, AS WELL AS AT THE EXPERT LEVEL, WAS THE "MEASURE OF THE SUCCESS OF THE TALKS". GUVENDIREN WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SUCCESS AT ROME SHOULD NOT BE "EXAGGERATED". SINCE MUCH DEPENDS UPON THE RESULTS OF THE NEXT MEETINGS.

2. GUVENDIREN SAID THAT SEPARATE "SUBCOMMITTEES" FROM THE DELEGATIONS AT ROME DISCUSSED: (A) CONTINENTAL SHELF PROBLEMS, (B) FLIGHT INFORMATION REGIONS (FIR) AND CIVIL AND MILITARY FLIGHTS OVER THE AEGEAN, (C) MILITARIZATION OF THE GREEK AEGEAN ISLANDS, AND (D) CYPRUS.

3. ON CYPRUS, GUVENDIREN SAID THAT EACH SIDE HAD STATED ITS VIEWS AND THERE THE MATTER RESTED (HOWEVER, HE SAID HE ASSUMED FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL WOULD WANT TO GIVE THE SECRETARY HIS OWN MORE DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS ON CYPRUS AND OTHER ISSUES DURING THEIR TALKS IN ANKARA THIS WEEK). GUVENDIREN DID NOT INDICATE THAT THERE HAD BEEN PROGRESS ON TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A SUBMISSION OF THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. HE SAID THAT THREE OPTIONS WERE AVAILABLE: (1) DECISION ON THE POINTS OF DISPUTE FOR REFERENCE TO ICJ; (2) THE TWO SIDES TO REACH AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION BETWEEN THEMSELVES; (3) AGREEMENT ON JOINT AND EQUAL EXPLOITATION OF AEGEAN RESOURCES. TURKEY PREFERRED EITHER OPTIONS 2 OR 3 SINCE THE ICJ COULD TAKE TWO YEARS TO DECIDE AND THEN WOULD ONLY ISSUE GUIDELINES WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A FURTHER DELAY FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

4. GUVENDIREN SAID THAT "TWO NEGATIVE EVENTS" HAD OCCURRED WHICH MIGHT AFFECT VIENNA II OR THE BRUSSELS MEETINGS:

A. POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOT EXPERTS COMMITTEE WORK ON THE POWERS AND NATURE OF THE CENTRAL AND FEDERATED GOVERNMENTS (NICOSIA 1688) -- GUVENDIREN SAID THAT AFTER GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD AGREED TO POSTPONE STRASBOURG HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HEARING, THEY HAD SENT LETTER REQUESTING COMMISSION TO DECIDE FOR ITSELF WITHOUT A HEARING WHETHER THERE WAS A CASE AGAINST THE TURK-CYPRIOTS. LETTER HAD LED THE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TO SCHEDULE A MEETING MAY 21. (A SECOND LETTER FROM CLERIDES REQUESTING A SIMPLE POSTPONEMENT HAD NOT BEEN EFFECTIVE, HE SAID) IN ORDER TO PREVENT AN ADVERSE DECISION IN ABSENTIA, BOTH GOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAD SENT DELEGATIONS TO STRASBOURG. SINCE THE TURKISH

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CYPRIOT DELEGATION IS COMPOSED OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXPERTS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE NATURE AND POWERS OF THE CENTRAL AND FEDERATED GOVERNMENTS (WHICH GUVENDIREN LABELLED THE "HEART OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM"), DELAY OF VIENNA II COULD RESULT, HE SAID.

B. GREEK REACTION TO THE DEMIREL INTERVIEW IN LE MONDE (ATHENS 3722) -- GUVENDIREN CHARACTERIZED DEMIREL'S LE MONDE INTERVIEW (GIVEN THE PAPER TWO WEEKS AGO) AS PERHAPS UNFORTUNATE

IN THE TIMING OF ITS PUBLICATION BUT REFLECTIVE OF TURKISH POLICY.
(DEMIREL WAS REPORTED HERE TO HAVE TOLD LE MONDE: (1) THE
CYPRUS QUESTION DID NOT HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED BECAUSE IT WAS
NECESSARY FOR GREECE TO ACCEPT THE PRESENT SITUATION AND REFRAIN
FROM STRENGTHENING ITS MILITARY POWER ON THE AEGEAN ISLANDS OFF
THE COAST OF TURKEY; (2) THE POSSIBILITY OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT
WOULD DEPEND ON GREECE: AND (3) EUROPEAN COUNTRIES COULD NOT
SUCCESSFULLY ACT AS MEDIATORS IN THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE.)
GUVENDIREN CITED A GREEK RADIO BROADCAST WHICH REFERRED TO
"GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY CIRCLES" AS SAYING THAT THE DEMIREL
POSITION WAS UNCOMPROMISING AND IN CONTRADICTION TO ANKARA'S
EXPRESSED DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE.
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